

# Englandes Mourning Garment:

Worne here by plaine Shepheardes;  
*in memorie of their sacred Mistresse,*  
ELIZABETH, Queene of Vertue while shee  
lived, and Theame of Sorrow,  
being dead.

To which is added the true manner of her  
Emperall Funerall.

After which foloweth the Shepheards Spring Song  
for entertainment of King IAMES our  
most potent Soueraigne.

Dedicated to all that loved the deceased Queene,  
and honor the living King.

*Non Verbis sed Virtute.*



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To all true Louers of the right grati-  
ous *Queene Elizabeth, in her life; being*  
vndoubtedly those faithfull Subiects that now ho-  
nor and affect our most potent Lord, King  
*Iames*, after her death.

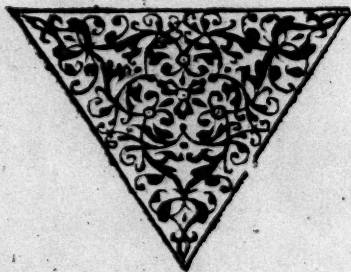


Y Epistle to you, is like  
the little Towne that the  
Cynicke would haue per-  
swaded the Citizens was  
ready to runne out at the  
great gates, being scarce  
so long as the Title. In a  
word, the negligence of  
many better able, hath  
made mee bolde to write a small Epitomie, touch-  
ing the abundant Vertues of Elizabeth our late  
sacred Mistris. Intreating of her Princely birth,  
chaste life, royall gouernement, and happie death;  
being a Lady borne, liuing, raigning, dying, all for  
Englandes good. The manner is handled be-  
tweene Shepheardes, the forme of speech like the

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persons, rude: Affection exceedeth Eloquence, and I haue not shewne much Arte; but exprest the dutie of a louing heart: Shead some teares in reading our Shepheards sorrow; and in that true passion, let your loue to our royall Lord be shewne: who hateth hypocrites, as iust men Hell. Farewell all of you, that giue the dead Queene a sad Farewell, and the liuing King, a glad Welcome; the rest are Time-pleasers, and I write not to them.

*Fœlicem fuisse infaustum.*







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*Wrought by plaine Shepheardes, for t<sup>h</sup>e  
death of that most excellent Empresse Elizabeth,  
Queene of Vertue, while she liued; and Theame  
of Sorrow, being dead.*

THE NOT. COLLIN.

*Thenot.*

**C**ollin, thou look'st as lagging as the day,  
When the Sun setting toward his western bed,  
Shews, that like him, all glory must decay,  
And frolicke life with murkie cloudes o're-spread;  
Shall leaue all earthly beautie mongst the dead;  
Such is the habite of thy new aray:  
Why art thou not preparede to welcome Maie,  
In whose cleere Moone thy yonglings shall be fed,  
With nights sweetes dewes, and open flowers of day?

*Collin.*

I answere thee with woe and welaway,  
I am in sable clad, sith she cannot be had  
That me and mine did glad;  
there's all I le say.

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*Thenot.*

Well spoken Swaine, let me thy sorrowe ken,  
Rich soule, though wrong'd by idle Antike men,  
And driuen by falshood to a clowdy den,

Tell me thy griefe.

*Collins.*

O it is past reliefe, and which is worst of worst,  
Bayards and beasts accurst, with grossest flattery nurs't:  
Haue sung her sacred name, and prais'd her to their thame,

Who was our last and first.

*Thenot.*

Deere *Collins*, doe not checke the humblest song,  
The will is euer maister of the worke,  
Those that can sing, haue done all Shepheards wrong,  
Like lozels in their cotages to lurke:

The aire's the aire, though it be thicke and murke,  
If they to whom true Pastoralls belong,

In needefull layes, vse neither pipe nor tong,

Shall none the vertuous raise:

*Collins.*

Yes, those that merit Bayes,  
Though teares restraîne their layes,  
Some weeping houres or dayes

will finde a time:

To honor Honor stil, not with a rural quill,  
But with the soule of skil,

to blesse their time.

Aye me! why should I dote

on rimes, on songs, or note,

Confusion can best quote,

sacred *Elizæ's* losse,

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Whose praise doth grace al verie,  
that shal the same reherse,  
No gold neede decke her herse,  
to her al gold is dresse.

With that, *Collin* in discontent, brake his pipe, and in that passion, as if his heart had beene like his Pipe, parted each piece from the other, hee fel without sense on the earth, not then insensible of his sorrow, for it yielded, wept and groaned at once with his sal, his weepings and his sighs. Poore *Th.* shewted for help; at whose cal came some Nymphs ful of sorrow for their Soueraigne; and no whit amazed to see him lie as dead, their hearts were so dead, with thinking of that which had astonied his. But yet, as gathering of companies draw more & more to wonder, so prooued it among the shepheards, that left none but their cures to attend their flockes, themselues flocking about *Thenot* & *Collin*, who now recouered from his trance, and al asking the reason of this griefe, with teares abounding in his eyes, that likewise drew more abundantly from theirs, he distractedly answered,

*Illum nec enim reprehendere fas est,  
Qui fleat hanc, cuius fregerunt stamina parca,  
Solus honor sequitur mortales ille misellos.*

And therewithall making a signe for the Shepherdes and Nymphes to sit downe, hee tolde them, they had lost that sacred Nymph, that careful Shepherdesse *ELIZ A*, but if it pleased them to lend attention, he would repeate something of her, worth memorie, that should liue  
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in despite of death: whereupon a still silence seized them all, saving onely now and then, by sighing they exprest their hearts sorrow: and *Collin* thus beganne.

Seeing Honor onely foloweth mortals, and the works of the vertuous, die not with their deaths, and yet those workes neuertheless with the honors and rites due to the departed, might be much blemished, if there were no gratitude in their successors: let vs poore Rurals (though no other wayes able to erect Statues for our late dread Soueraigne worthy all memory) among our selues repeate part of her excellent Graces, and our benefite obtained by her Gouvernement: for, to reckon all, were *Opus infinitum*, a labour without end.

She was the vndoubted issue of two royall princes, *Henry* of *Lancaster* and *Elizabeth* of *Yorke*. In whose vnion the quiet of vs poore Swaines began: for till that blessed marriage, *England* was a shambles of slaughtred men: so violent was the blood of ambition, so potent the factions, and so implacable their heads, whose eyes were neuer cleared till they were washt in blood, euen in the deare blood of their Obiects hearts. This King, Grandfather to our late Queene, was the first Brittish King, that many a hundred yeares before wore the Emperiall Diademe of *England*, *France* and *Ireland*: in him began the name of *Tewther*, descended from the ancient Brittish Kings, to flourish; the issue male of royal *Plantagenet* ending in his beginning: his wife Grandmother to our late *Elizabeth*, being the last *Plantagenet*, whose Temples were here circled with a sphere of golde. Which King and Queene liued and loved, and now lie intoombed in that most famous Chappell, built

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at his Kingly charge in the Abbey of *Westminster* : King *Henry* dying in a good age, left *England*, rich, beautifull, and full of peace; and so blest with his issue, after royally matcht to *Scotland & France*, besides his vndoubted heire King *Henry* of famous memory the eight; that no Kingdome in the earth more florished.

His sonne, the Father of our *Elizabeth*, was to his Enemies dreadfull, to his friends gracious, vnder whose Ensigne the Emperour himselfe seru'd: so potent a Prince He was: besides, so liberal and bounteous, that he seemed like the Sunne in his Meridian, to shoure downe gold round about the Horizon : But hee did too, and left vs three Princely hopes; all which haue seuerally succeeded other, royally maintaining the right of *England*, and resisted all forraine wrong.

For King *Edward* our late Soueraignes Brother, though he died yong in yeares, left instance hee was no Infant in vertues; his learning, towardnes and zeale, was thought fitter for the societie of Angels than men, with whome no doubt his spirit liues eternally.

Such assurance haue we of the happinesse of that royall gracious and worthy Ladie *Mary* his eldest sister: who in her death exprest the care of her Kingdomes, so much lamenting one Townes losse, that shee told her attendant Ladies, if they would rippe her heart when she was dead, they should finde *Callice* written in it. O *Thenot*, with all you other Nymphs and Swaines learne by this worthie Queene, the care of Soueraignes, how heart-sicke they are for their subiects losse; and thinke what felicitie we poore wormes liue in, that haue such royall Patrons, who carke for our peace, that we may quietly eate the bread of our



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owne labor, tend our flockes in safety, asking of vs nothing but feare and duety, which humanity allowes, and heauen commands.

With this *Thenot* interrupted *Collin*, telling him, there were a number of true shepheards misliked that Princes life, and ioyed greatly at her death: withall, beginning to shew some reasons, but *Collin* quickly interrupted him in these words.

*Peace Thenot, peace, Princes are sacred things,  
It fits not Swaines to thinke amisse of Kings.*

For saith he, the faults of Rulers (if any be faultie) are to be reprehended by them that can amend them, and seeing none is superiour to a King but God, to him alone referre their actions. / And where thou termest them true shepheards that so envied that Ladies gouvernement, thou art deceiued, they are still as they then were, prowd phanatike spirited counterfaites, expert in nothing but ignorance, such as hate all rule, for who resisteth correction more than fooles, though they deserue it most: Beleeue me *Thenot*, and all you well affected Swaines, there is no greater marke for a true shepheard to be knowne by, than Humilitie, which, God he knows, those mad men most want: too much experience haue we of their threed-bare pride, who bite the dead, as liuing cures may lions: not contented with their scandals of that Royall Lady, our late Soueraignes Sisters, but they haue troubled the cleare springs of our Mistresse *Elizabeths* blessed gouvernement: nay, my selfe haue seene & heard with glowing eares some of them, euen in the fields of *Caljdon*, when his Excellence  
that.

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that is now our emperiall Shepheard, was onely Lord of their foldes, speake of his Maiestie more audaciously and malapertly, than any of vs would doe of the meaneſt officer. For as I ſaide euen now, if Rulers chance to ſlip : it is moſt vnſufferable, that euery impudent rayler ſhould with the breath of his mouth ſtirre the chaſſie multitude, whoſe eâres itch for nouelties, whoſe mindes are as their numbers, diuerſe: not able to iudge themſelues, much leſſe their ſoueraignes. But they ought, if they be true Paſtors, to follow the great *Pan* the Father of al good ſhepheards *Chriſt*, who teacheth euery of his Swaines to tell his brother priuately of his fault, and againe, and againe: by that glorious number, three, including numbers numberleſſe, before it be told the Church. If then they muſt, being true ſhepheards, deale ſo with their brethren, how much more ought their followers do to their Soueraignes, being Kings and Queenes? And not in the place where ſacred and morall manners ſhould be taught, contrarily to teach the ſude, to be more vnmanly, inſtructing euery *Punie* to compare with the moſt reuerend Prelate, and by that example to haue euery *Cobler* account himſelfe a King.

Oh ſaide *Thenot*, *Collin*, there are ſome would il thinke of you, ſhould they heare you thus talke, for they reprove all out of zeale, and muſt ſpare none.

Peace to thy thoughts *Thenot*, answered *Collin*, I know thou knoweſt there is a zeale, that is not with knowledge acquainted, but let them and their madde zeale paſſe, let vs forget their railings againſt Princes: And beginne with her beginning, after her Royall Siſters ending, who departing from this earthly kingdome the ſeauenteenth of Nouember in the yeare of our Lord 1558. immediately

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thereupon, *Elizabeth* the hand maide to the Lord of Heauen, and Empresse of all Maides, Mothers, youth and men then liuing in this English Earth, was proclaimed Queene with generall applause; being much pittied, for that busie slander and respectlesse enuy had not long before brought her into the disfaueur of her royall Sister *Mary*, whom we last remembred: In the continuance of whole displeasure, stil stil made greater by some great Enemies, how she scap't, needs no repeating, being so wel knowne. Preserued shee was from the violence of death, her blood was precious in the sight of **G O D**, as is the blood of al his Saints, it was too deare to be powred out like water on the greedy earth, she liued and wee haue liued vnder her fortie and odde yeres so wonderfully blest, that all Nations haue wondred at their owne afflictions and our prosperitie, and she dyed as she liued with vs, still careful of our peace; finishing euen then the greatest wonder of all, our deserts considered by appointing the Kingdome to so iust and lawfull a Ruler to succeede her: whom all true English knew for their vndoubted Lord, immediately after her death. But lest we end ere we begin, I wil returne to her: who being seated in the Throne of Maiestie, adorned with al the vertues diuine and moral, appeared to vs like a goodly Pallace where the Graces kept their feuerall mansions.

First, faith abundantly shone in her then yong, and lost not her brightnesse in her age, for she beleued in her Redeemer, her trust was in the King of Kings, who preserued her as the Apple of his eye, from all treacherous attempts, as many being made against her life, as against any Princessse that euer liued: yet she was stil confident in her Sauiour,

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uiour, whose name she glorified in all her actions, confessing her victories, preservings, dignities to be all his, as appeared by many luculent examples, this one serving for the rest, that after the dissipation of the Spanish Armato accounted invincible, she came in person to *Pauls* crosse, and there, among the meanest of her people, confessed, *Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo Gloria.* And as she was euer constant in cherishing that faith wherein shee was from her infancie nourisht, so was shee faithfull of her word, with her people, and with forraine nations. And albeit I know some (too humorously affected to the Roman gouernement) make a question in this place, whether her highnesse first brake not the truce with the King of *Spainne*: to that I could answer, were it pertinent to mee in this place; or for a poore shepheard to talke of state, with vireprouable truths that her highnes suffred many wrongs before she left off the league.

O faith *Thenot*, in some of those wrongs resolue vs, and thinke it no vnfitting thing, for thou that hast heard the songs of that warlike Poet *Phileides* good *Atelabee*, and smooth tongued *Melicert*, tell vs what thou hast obserued in their lawes, seene in thy owne experience, and heard of vndoubted truths touching those accidents: for that they adde, I doubt not, to the glory of our *Elizabeth*.

To this entreatie *Collin* condescended, and thus spake. It is not vnknownen the Spaniards a mighty nation, abounding with treasure, being warres sinewes, torne from the bowels of Mines, fetcht from the fountains of Indian Riuer, by the miserable captiued natives, haue purposed to be Lordes of *Europe*. *France* they haue attempted and failed in, *Nauarre* they haue greatly distressed, *Lumbardy* the gar-

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den of the world, they are possessed of : *Naples* and *Sicilie*, *Sardania*, *Corfica*, are forced to obey their lawes, and that they reckoned *England* should be theirs, with such small ease, euen in a manner with threatening : their Songs taught little infants from *Andoloxia* to *Galizia* are witnesse. The dice were cast : her Maiesties Subiects craftily put into the Inquisition vpon euery small colour, if they escaped, which seldome sorted out so wel, aliue, could of their goods haue no restitution. Their King gaue pensions to our Queenes Rebellious fugitiue subiectes, and not onely to such, that in regard of their Religion fled the land, but vnto such as had attempted to resist her in actiue rebellion: and yet not staying there, out of his treasury proposed rewards for sundry to attempt the murder of her sacred person: of which perfidious gilt she neuer was tainted: let any Spaniard, or Spanish affected English, proue where she euer hired, abetted, or procured any such against their kings Maiestie, and I wil yeeld to be esteemed as false as falshood it selfe : nay, they cannot deny, but that euen with the Rebels of her Realme of *Ireland*, stirr'd vp to barbarous and inhumane outrages by the Spanish policie, shee hath no way dealt but by faire and laudable warre.

But before I enter into her Maiesties lenitie in that Irish warre, against sundry knowne Rebels, and punishing some of her subiects, that vpon a zeale to her, or perchance, to get themselues a glorie, aduentured their owne liues by trecherie to cut off the liues of some great Leaders of the Rebels, I wil a little digresse, lest I should be thought, after her death, to maintaine the fire of hate, which I euer in heart desired might honourably be quencht, betweene these potent Kingdomes of *England* and *Spaine*.



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I wish all that reade this, to bury old wrongs, & to pray that it would please G o d of his inestimable mercie, to roote out all malice from Christian Nations : and as our Royall Soueraigne now raigning, hath conserued league and peace with al Princes, so, for the weale of Christendome, it may more and more increase, that the open enemies of Christ may the better be repelled from those wealthy Kingdomes in the East, where they haue many hundred yeares most barbarously tyrannized : for no man doubts, but the blood shed within these thirtie yeares, as well of English, as Scottish, Spanish, Dutch, and Portugall, in the quarrell of Religion, might, if G o d had so beene pleased, bin able, to haue driuen the heathen Monarch from his neereft holde in *Hungaria*, to the fal of *Danubia* in the *Euxine* sea, especially with the assistaunce of the French that haue cruelly false, either vpon others swordes.

But I trust God hath suffered this offence, to adde more glory to our mighty King, that hee should be the most famous of al his predecessors, as indeed he is the most mightie, and hath beene raised to this Realme as a Sauour, to deliuer *England*, and make it more abundant in blessings, when many lookt it should haue had al her glory swallowed vp of spoile.

The highnesse of his emperial place, greatnesse of his blood; mightinesse of his alliance, but most, his constancy in the true profession of Religion, euen amid my sorrowes, *Thenot*, filme with ioyes : when I consider how a number that gaped for our destruction, haue their mouths shut close, yet emptie where they thought to eate the sweetes of our paineful sweate : but God be praised, as I said

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saide before; her Highnesse that ruled vs many yeeres in peace, left vs, in her death, more secure, by committing vs to our lawfull Prince, matcht to a royal fruitful Lady, that hath borne him such hopeful issue, that the dayes we lately feared, I trust are as farre off, as this instant is, from the end of al earthly times: who shal not onely with their royall father, maintaine these his kingdomes in happy peace, but subiect more vnder him, and spreade the banners of Christ in the face of misbeleeuers.

In this hope I here breake off, and returne to our late Soueraignes care of keeping Faith, euen toward her Rebel subiects, which I wil manifest in some two or three examples of the Irish.

When the *Oneale*, in the time of that memorable Gentleman Sir *Henry Sidney* his Deputie-ship of *Ireland*, was mightily strengthened in his Country, and so potent, that the Deputie had many dangerous and vnadvantageable skirmishes against him; A seruant of her Maiesties, one *Smith*, thinking to doe a worthy peece of seruice, by poysoning the *Oneale*, prepared a little bottle, parted in the middest; one side containing good wine, the other with tempered poyson of the same colour, and that he carries to the *Oneale*, vnder colour of gratification for that his armie lay farre from the Sea, or Marchantable Townes, and hee thought Wine was vnto him very daintie: which the *Oneale* accepted kindly, for that the saide *Smith* was borne in the *Oneales* Countrey: and such the Irish doe especially, and before others, trust, to bring messages euen from their greatest enemies, vnder whome they serue.

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But the deceit being quickly spide, *Smyth* was by the *O'Neill* sent bound to the Deputie, to whose plot hee would faine haue imputed the same practise: but contrarily, the Deputie publicly punished the said *Smyth*, and her Maiestie refus'd him for her seruant; laying, she would keepe none neare her that would deale treacherously, no though it were against traitors.

The like example was showne on an other that would haue attempted the poisoning of *Rory Og*, a bloody and dangerous Rebelle.

To which may be added, that her Highnesse among other trespasses, obiected by her Attorney against a conuicted Deputie: was, that he went about by poyson to haue tooke away the life of *Feff Mac Hue*, a Rebelle more immane & barbarous than any of the other two: the Lord chiefe Iustice of the Common Pleas (yet liuing) opening at the same time, how iust a spirit her Maiestie was possessed with, that shee hated treason, euen to traitors: much more then to annointed Kings, whose honors and reputations, she so maintained, that shee not long since punished by fine and imprisonment, a wealthy railer, for vnreuerent words spoken against the person of king *Philip*, her open and professed enemy: So faithfull, so iust, so gracious was she.

And to make it more plaine, that *Spaine* intended England the first wrong, so long time before it was muttered; but after that memorable battell of *Lepanto*, wherein *Don Iohn* of *Austria* obtained the triumphant Christian victorie against the Turkes; to rewarde him, England was the kingdome set downe, being then in her Maiesties possession: but hee had it, when they

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could giue him it that promised the same, which was at  
latter *Lammas*. And I trust his Neece shall haue as  
good successe, with her pretended title. For if God  
strengthened her Maiestie so, that against her being a  
woman, they could not preuaile, we trust his Almightie-  
nesse will be as carefull of our King, being alreadie  
Lord of three such people as haue seldome bene equal-  
led in battell, except they haue vnnaturally conten-  
ded among themselues: the sight of which day, deare  
shepheards, let vs pray neuer againe to see. Besides,  
to expresse her farther intent: to preserve faith and  
league, notwithstanding infinite of open wrongs: and  
certaine knowledge that a Nauie for inuasion of this  
Realme had bene preparing more than fiftene yeare;  
yet did she beare, vntill against all lawe of Nations, the  
Ambassador lieder of *Spaine*, honoured with many  
fauours, did notwithstanding plot and confeder with  
native traitors of this land; and the matter being appa-  
rantly proued; hee was by her milde sufferance admit-  
ted to depart the Realme, without any violence: to his  
perpetuall reproach, and her neuer dying glorie.  
Well, I will here conclude touching this vertue of  
faith both towarde God and man: she was as firme  
in the one as mortalitie coulde bee; and in the  
other approued glorious among all the Princes of her  
time.

For Hope, the second diuine vertue, she rather ther-  
in abounded, than was any way wanting; for her  
Hope was no way wandring: she beleued, and it  
came to passe; her enemies arise, but before their  
arising, shee was certaine to see them fall; shee hauing  
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By example of things past, nothing doubted of things to come. And she was not deceiued till the houre of her death. For euer her expectation was fulfilled; she kept peace within, chased the spoyler without; and euen as it is sung of *Epaminondas* that valiant Theban Captaine, in his last victorious battell, wherein yet death of him got victorie, he thus gloried: Herein am I comforted, that I dye a conquerour. For euen when death laid his last siege to her yet vvanquished life, *Tyrone*, the long disturber of her State, besought mercie at her feete. O Nymphs and Shepheards doubt not she was full of diuine Hope, whose heart obtained euer the thing it faithfully desired; and that her desires were all of faith, I could adde infinite examples to these already alledged, but that it is needlesse to cast water in the Sea, or to make question of that all men knowe, and will confesse, except some whose heartes are straungers from *Truth*, and the professed Receptacles of falsehood.

Her Charitie the thirde and principall diuine Grace to the eye of mortalls: (for that Faith and Hope bend principally their seruice to Heauen, and Charities effectes are manifested on earth) hath bene extended ouer all her Realmes, and stretched to the comfort of her oppressed neighbours. The multitudes of poore daily relieved from her purse, the numbers of sick persons yearly visited, and by her owne hand their corrupt sores toucht, the washing of poore womens feete, and releeuing their wants, was a signe that she was humble, as well as charitable: for Humili-



tie is Charities sister; they are two twins borne at one time, & as they are borne together in any soule whateuer, so doe they liue and die together: the humble spirit being euer charitable, and the charitable euer humble: for it is as impossible to haue a proud man charitable, as to reconcile fier and water; or to make accord betweene any contraries. As she was in these particulars, exceeding all Ladies of her time, giuen to this helpfull vertue, so had she general impositions through all her kingdome, for her well able subiects to follow her example: and so much did her example preuaile, that besides the ordinary and weekely almes distributed through the Realme, there haue beene more particular Almes-houses builded for the reliefe of the aged, than in any sixe Princes Raignes before. And as all parts of England haue in this imitation bene very forward: so hath the Citie of London exceeded all; wherein diuers primate men haue builded sundry houses for the poore, and allowed them pensions: but the Corporations haue bene most bountifull as most able: and among all the Right worshipfull the Merchant Taylors haue exceeded the rest, all hauing done well, that haue done any thing, but they best of any other, as I will one day in a song of liberal Shepheards thankfully expresse: though for my selfe I know him not in the least gift to whom I am in that sort bounden, but I ken not *Thereto*, how I may, for there is none liuing but may lacke. As the Citie, so many knights, Gentlemen, honourable and deuout persons haue followed her example: aboue the rest, an honorable, carefull, reuerend and learned watchman, as full of mildnesse and pietie,

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pietie, as he is of yeares and greefes for his good and royall Mistres losse; within few miles of this Citie, hath builded a worthy Receptacle to the like charitable end.

As for the poore and decrepit with age, her Royall Maiestie had this charitable care; so for soldiers, and suters, she was very prouident. The last being oppressed in any part of her Realmes by men of much wealth and little conscience, she allowd them counsell and proceedings in *Forma pauperis*, & maintenance weeke-ly in the Termes, for some part of their succour. For souldiers, and men of seruice, her decrees of prouision are extant; besides, it is most cleare, no Prince in the world, to land, or Sea-men, was more bountifull or willing, than her highnesse: out of her Coffers it went; but there is an olde Prouerbe *Tix not*, carriage is deare: and I haue heard, but I will stand to nothing, base Ministers, and vnder officers, curtall the liberalities of great and potent masters. Some haue in her time beene taken with the manner, and besides bodily punishment and fines, displaced: as I well remember, and cannot omit amid my greefe to tell, though somewhat from this subject it dissent, being of a fellow too meane, how her highnesse in one of her progresses, walking in the garden of a house where she was receiued, being somewhat neere the high waie, heard on a sodaine, a market woman cry: and from an Arbour beheld one of her owne seruants, a Taker vp of prouision, vse the woman vnciuilly: whereupon the cause being examined, and the poore woman found by the same fellowe to be

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wrongd, as well afore as then, her highnesse causd him presently to be dischargd of her seruice and punished: yet the fault being but slight, the Taker was countenanced to make tute to be restord: and some halfe yeare after, fell downe before her Maiestie desiring mercie, and restoring: her highnesse pittying his distresse, commaunded him to be prouided for in some place where he could not wrong her poore subiects, but in any case not to make him a Taker. Many such false ones she hath punished with death. I could in this as all the rest, reckon multitudes of examples, but I will knit all vp with her Excellence in this Act of Charitie extended to her neighbours: whom she hath by her bountie deliuered from the tyrannie of oppression, & aided the right of others against rebellious subiects: others assisted to recouer their kingdoms, not sparing millions to sustaine the quarrell of the righteous. The reward of which mercy & charitie she now finds, receiuing infinite glories for her abounding Charitie, being done for his caule: that leaueth no deed of mercie vnrecompenced.

As she was richly stored with diuine graces, so in morall vertues, no Princeesse euer liuing in the earth can be remembred to excede her. Her wisdom was without question in her life by any vnequallled, she was sententious, yet gracious in speech; So expert in Languages that she answered most Embassadors in their native tongues: her capacitie was therewith so apprehensiuie, and inuention so quicke, that if any of them had gone beyonde their bounds, with maiestie vndaunted, she would haue limited them within

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within the verge of their duties, as she did royally, wisely, and learnedly, the last strutting *Poland* messenger, that thought with stalking looks and swelling words to daunt her vndaunted Excellence. But as he came proud, he returned not without repentance: hauing no other wrong here, but the sinne of his own faultinesse.

Many such examples I could set downe, but I will satisfie you with one more. When the Spaniards hauing their *Armatto* ready, temporisde with her highnes Commissioners in the low Countries, thinking to finde her highnesse vnprouided; at last when they accounted all sure, they sent her their Kings choyce either of peace, or warre, wittily included in foure Latine verses: portending, that if she would cease to defend the low Countries, restore the goods taken by reprisall from the Spaniards; build vp the Religious houses diuerred in her Fathers time, and let the Romane Religion be receiued through her Land; why then she might haue peace: if not, it was too late to expect any. Which proud commaunding Embassie, with royall magnanimitie, gracious wisdom, and fluent wit, she answered instantly in one knowne prouerbiall line, which she sodenly made into a Verse.

*Ad Gracis hec sunt mandata Kalendas.*

O *Thenot*, did not assurance of our kingly Poets loue to the Muses, somewhat comfort me, I should vtterly dispaire euer to heare Pastorickall song againe, filld with any conceit; seeing her Excellence, whose braine being the *Hellicon* of all our best and quaint inuenti-

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inventions, is dried vp by the ineuitable heate of death.

Her iustice was such, as neuer any could truly com-  
plaine of her; neither did shee pardon faults vnpar-  
donable, as murder, rape, Sodomy, that sin almost not  
to bee namde: neither was there in her time (with her  
knowledge) extremite of iustice showne to other ma-  
lefactors: if any such did fall, it was either by fallshood  
or malice of the euidence, or some other secret where-  
with poore Shepheards are vnacquainted: onely this  
we are taught: that God sometime punisheth the  
finnes of parents on their children, to many generati-  
ons.

But for her selfe, she was alwayes so enclined to e-  
quitie, that if she left Iustice in any part, it was in shew-  
ing pittie: as in one generall punishment for murder  
it appeared: whereas before time there was extraor-  
dinary torture, as hanging withull murderers alieue in  
chaines; shee hauing compassion like a true Shep-  
heardesse of their soules, though they were of her er-  
ring and vtterly infected flocke; said their death satisfi-  
ed for death: and life for life, was all could be deman-  
ded: and affirming more, that much torture distracted a  
dying man: in particular, she saued many, among some  
vnworthy of her mercie, that proud fellow, who vniust-  
ly named himselfe Doctor Parry, and an other as I re-  
member called *Patrick* an Irish man: the first hauing of-  
fended in *Burglary*, against a Lawier able and willing  
to take away his life, thereto vrged by many misde-  
meanours: and for that *Parry* doubted his attempt to  
kill, & act of felony was without compasse of pardon,  
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considering the place where it was done, and against whom; thought a lease of life safest, which of her benigne mercie he obtained for 21. yeares; but ere three of them were past, he did vnnaturally attempt her death that had giue him life; for which traiterous ingratitude he worthily was cut off: the Irish man likewise being pardoned for a manslaughter, proued as vnthankfull, and ended as he liued shamefully. Besides, she was so inclinable to mercie, that her iust and seuerer Iudges tolde her, how some desperate malefactors building on friends, and hopes of pardon, carde not for offending, but euen scoffed at authoritie; wherof when she heard, shee tooke speciall care, considering it was as great iniustice to pittie some, as spare others, taking order to signe no pardon, except the Iudges hand were at it first, which truly knew the cause why the partie was condemned: by which meanes murderers, and presumptuous offenders were cut off from all hope.

One notable example of her iustice among many I will here remember: Certaine condemned for Piracie, hauing made some ende with them they wronged, lay for their liues at her mercie, and the Iudge of her Admiraltie hauing signified fauourably of the qualitie of their offence, she was moued to pittie them, and had commanded their pardon to be drawne. In the meane time two of them, trained vp in the fashion of our common Cutters, that I may tell thee *Thenot* swarme rather like diuels than men about the countrey, that sweare as if they had license to blaspheme, and stabbe men as if they had authoritie; nay, sometime themselves for very trifles: two such I say, were in the company of these

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condemned Pyrates, hourelly hoping for their liues : and brauing either other of their manhood, saying, one durst more than the other : the eldest being Maister of their late ship, wherein they had sailed to that place of sorrow, slyces his owne flesh with a knife, asking the other if he durst doo as much : the yonker was very readie, and two or three times followed the olde foole, in that desperate wounding of himselfe. This brutish acte being committed in the prison belonging to her Maiesties owne house, came quickly to her royall eare, and some fewe dayes after, their pardon to be signed ; who graciously gaue life to all the rest ; but commaunded them by expresse name to execution, saying, they were vnworthy mercie, that of themselves had none : adding, it was very likely, that such as in a prison, and in their state, would be so cruell to shead their owne blood, would haue small compassion of others whom they ouercame at Sea ; and so leauing them to the lawe, they were worthily executed.

Of her mercie nothing can be saide more, but that it equalled, or rather as I said before, exceeded her iustice. Among infinite numbers whom she pardoned, that one especially being a cleare witnesse, who shot the Gunne off against *Greenwich*, euen into her Maiesties Barge, hurt the next man to her, at broade daylight ; almost impossible to be excused by negligence or ignorance ; for that any man hauing his peece charged, would rather vpon retyring home, haue discharged it among the Reedes, than toward the bredth of the Riuer, whose siluer brest continually bore vp a  
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number of vessels, wherein men passed on sundrie affaires. How euer wilfull or vnwilfull the acte was, done it was, and by a Iurie he was found guiltie, and adiudged to die: toward execution hee was ledde with such clamour and iniuries of the multitude, as sildome any the like hath bene seene or heard; so hainous and odious his offence appeared vnto them, that being vpon the ladder readie to be cast off, the common people had no pittie of him: when euen iust in that moment of dispaire and death, her Maiestie sent a gracious pardon, which deliuered him to all mens wonder. I want but the Arcadian Shepheards inchaunting phrase of speaking, that was many times witnesse to her iust mercies, and mercifull iustice: yet rude as I am, I haue presumed to handle this excellent Theame, in regard the Funerall hastens on, of that sometime most Serene Lady, and yet I see none, or at least past one or two that haue sung any thing since her departure worth the hearing; and of them they that are best able, scarce remember her Maiestie. I cannot now forget the excellent and cunning *Collin* indeed; (for alas, I confesse my selfe too too rude,) complaining that a liberal *Mecenas* long since dying, was immediately forgotten, euen by those that liuing most laboured to aduance his fame; and these as I thinke close part of his songs:

Being dead no Poet seekes him to reuiue,  
Though many Poets flattered him aliue.

Somewhat like him, or at least to that purpose, of a person more excellent, though in ruder verse I speake.

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Death now hath ceaz'd her in his ycie armes,  
That sometime was the Sun of our delight :  
And pittifull of any after-harmes,  
Hath liued her glory in the cloude of night.

Nor doth one Poet seeke her name to raise,  
That liuing hourly stru'd to sing her praise.

He that so well could sing the fatall strife  
Betweene the royall Roles White and Red,  
That prais'd so oft *Eliza* in her life,  
His Muse seemes now to dye, as shee is dead:

Thou sweetest song-man of all English swaines,  
Awake for shame, honour ensues thy paines.

But thou alone deseru'dst not to be blame'd,  
He that sung fortie yeares her life and birth,  
And is by English Albions so much fam'd,  
For sweete mixt layes of maiestie with mirth,

Doth of her losse take now but little keepe,  
Or else I gesse he cannot sing, but weepe.

Neither doth *Coryn* full of worth and wit,  
That finish'd dead *Musaeus* gracious song,  
With grace as great, and words, and verse as fit,  
Chide meager death for dooing vertue wrong:

He doth not seeke with songs to deck her herse,  
Nor make her name liue in his liuely verse.

Nor does our English *Horace*, whose steele pen  
Can drawe Character which will neuer die,  
Tell her bright glories vnto listning men,  
Of her he seemes to haue no memorie.

His Muse an other path desires to tread,  
True Satyres scourge the liuing leaue the dead.

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Nor doth the siluer tonged *Melicert*,  
Drop from his honied muse one sable teare  
To mourne her death that graced his desert,  
And to his laies open'd her Royall eare.

Shepheard remember our *Elizabeth*,  
And sing her Rape, done by that *Tarquin*, Death.  
No lesse doe thou (sweete singer *Coridon*)  
The Thame exceedeth *Edward's Isabell*  
Forget her not in *Poly-Albion*;  
Make some amends, I know thou loudst her well.

Thinke twas a fault to haue thy Verses seene  
Praising the King, ere they had mourn'd the Queen.  
And thou delicious sportiue *Musidore*,  
Although thou haue resign'd thy wreath of Bay  
With Cypresse bind thy temples and deplore  
*Elizas* winter in a mournfull Lay :

I know thou canst and none can better sing  
Herse songs for her, and *Paeans* to our King.  
Quicke *Antihorace* though I place thee heere,  
Together with yong *Malibee* thy frend :  
And *Helyres* last *Musens*, all three decree,  
All such whose vertues highly I commend:  
Proue not ingrate to her that many a time  
Hath stoopt her Maiestie, to grace your rime.  
And thou that scarce hast flid thy infant mute  
(I vse thine owne word) and commend thee best,  
In thy proclayming *Iames* : the rest misvse  
The name of Poetry, with lines vnblest;  
Holding the Muses to be masculine.  
I quote no such absurditie in thine.



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Thee doe I thanke for will; thy worke let passe :  
But with some of the former had first writ  
That from their Poems like reflecting glasse  
Steeld with the puritie of Art and wit,

*Eliza* might haue liude in euery eye,  
Alwaies beheld till Time and Poems dye.  
But cease you Goblins, and you vnder Elues;  
That with rude rimes and meeters reasonlesse;  
Fit to be sung for such as your base selues,  
Presume to name the Muses Patronesse:

Keepe your low Spheres, she hath an Angell spirit:  
The learnedst Swaine can hardly sing her merit.  
Onely her brother King, the Muses trust  
(Blood of her Grandfires blood, plac'd in her Throne)  
Can raise her glory from the bed of dust  
To praise her worth belongs to Kings alone.  
In him shall we behold her Maiestie,  
In him her vertue liues and cannot die.

At this *Thenot* and the rest desired him to proceede in  
his discourse of her vertues; remembring where he  
left, at Iustice, and though the matter pleas'd them so  
well that they could indure the hearing many daies,  
yet seeing the Sunne began to dye the West Sea with  
vermilion tincture, the pallace of the morning being  
hidden in fable clouds, & that the care of their flocks  
must be respected, requested him to be as breefe, as the  
time limited him.

To which *Collin* answered; *Thenot*, I perceiue thou  
art as all or the most part of the world is, carefull onely  
of thine own: and how euer friends fall, yet profit must  
be

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be respected. Well thou dost well; and in this I dubbly praise thee: to carke for sheepe and lambs that cannot tend themselues & not to mourne as without hope our great Shepheardesse; who after long life and glory on earth, hath obtained a longer and more glorious life in heauen. But to proceede. As she was constant in faith, stedfast in hope, cheerefull in giuing, prudent in speaking, iust in punishing, but most mercifull in pardoning: so for the third morrall vertue Temperance, there was in no age before, a woman so exalted to earthly honour euer read off; that so long, so graciously, in ourward & domestick affaires governed her kingdom, familie, & person, with likemoderation.

First, for her kingdome, what can be deuised more neere the meane, than she hath in all things followed? For in religion as in other things, there hath beene an extreame erring from the truth, which like all vertues, (being indeede the head of all) keepeth place in the midst; so hath she established the true Catholicke and Apostolicall Religion in this Land, neither mingled with multitudes of Idle superstitions; nor yet wanting true honour and reuerence for the Ministerie, in laudable and long receiued ceremonies.

But here I shall be carpped at, in that I call the Religion profest in her time, true Catholike and Apostolicall: considering the Sea of *Rome* and such English onely as be her sworne Sonnes, thinke that seate all one to hold the Apostolicall faith: excluding her Maiestie, and all other Christian Princes with their subiectes, that haue not false before that Chaire, as people woorthie to be cutte off from Christes  
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congregation : giuing them names of Protestants, Lutherans, and I know not what. And on another side, a selected cōpany, that would needs be counted Saints & holy ones, when there is nothing but corruption in their harts, they forsooth condemned her sacred gouernement for Antichristian : when to the amazement of superstitious Romanes, & selfe-praying Sectuaries, God approued his faith by his loue towards her. And lest I should be taskd of ignorance, and termed a Nullifidian in defending neither of these sides : and onely of the faith that the *Colliar* profess, which was euer one with the most. I say, I was borne and brought vp in the Religion professd by that most Christian Princeesse *Elizabeth*, who beleued not that the spirite of God was bound or tyde to any one place, no more to *Rome* than *Antioch*, that the Candlestickke of any Church might be remooude, for neglecting their first loue, and teaching traditions of men, in steede of sacred veritie: and no man can denie but the Church of *Rome* hath so taught and standeth not in her first estate, but if it were in the Primitiue Church perfectly and fully established : then hath it receiued many traditions since, which our *Elizabeth* nor any of her faithfull subiects would obay, being no way by Gods word thereunto warranted : besides, there is apparent proofes that the Church of *Rome* hath many hundred yeares persecuted with great crueltie : which is no badge of the true Apostolicall Church.

For the other sort : it is well knowne, they are for the most part, ignorant and mechanick people, leade by some fewe hot spirited fellowes, that would faine haue

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haue all alike. These tying themselves to a more strait course outwardly than other men, and though they be vitterly object to the Romanistes; yet haue they more hee Saints and she Saints among them than are in the Romish Kalender; where none or at least but very fewe are called Saints but holy Virgins, Martyrs, and Confessors; but all the bretheren and sisters of the other side, are at the first receiuing into their Communion, Sainted, if it be but Kit Cobler, and Kate his wife; and both hee and she presume they haue as sufficient spirites to teach and expound the Scriptures, as either *Peter*, or *Iohn*, or *Paule*, for so bluntly they terme the blessed Apostles: but their vanitie and pride our *Elizabeth* hated, and therefore bridled their waies, and was not moued with their hypocriticall fastes; because they fasted to strife and debate, as it is written by the Prophet *Esay*. 58. and to smite with the fist of wickednes.

Her highnes therefore taught all her people the vndoubted truth: that faith in Christ alone, the way the doore, and the life: not turning either to the right hand, or to the left: and in this being the best meane her Temperance cheefly appeered: this rule she taught her kingdome, her familie, her selfe: at least caused them to be taught by excellent Pastors, to whom humbly she gaue publike eare.

As in this, so for apparell; manners and diet, she made Lawes, and gaue example in hir owne person: to curb the vanitie of pride in garments: by expresse Statutes, appointed all men and women to be appa-

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relled in their degree and calling. To repress the ex-  
cesse of drinking and hated sinne of drunkennesse,  
she hath commaunded no drinke in her Land to be  
brued aboue an easie price : and to auoid gurmardize  
she hath yearly commanded the Lent and Fasting-  
daies to be kept, as in times before, not for supersti-  
tion sake, but common policie, to haue Gods crea-  
tures receiued indifferently ; and also to increafe Mar-  
riners for the strength of the Ile, whose numbers  
while fish is contented, by neglect of fishing mighti-  
ly decay : fishers being indeed, pretty traind Marri-  
ners ; by reason that they haue experience in most  
of the Hauens, Creekes, Shoales, Flats, and other  
profits and daungers neere the places they vse. But  
what should I say ; if they that will onely make the  
Scripture their cloke and yet respect not this part ;  
Obey the Magistrate for conscience : their sinne fall  
vpon themselues. I trust the Prince is excusable, that  
would his subiects would doe well ; and so I am cer-  
taine was her Excellence.

True said *Thenot*, but for all her Lawes, these courses  
were little set by, I haue seene vpstarts yet it gayer than  
Lords, numbers drinke till they haue seemde dead, &  
multitudes eate flesh euen vpon good Fryday. What  
remédie said *Collon* : they that will breake the Kings  
Law, make little account of Gods : such subiects are  
like false Executors, that performe not the legacies of  
the dead, her highnes was not the worse for that good  
Lawes were violated, they that dealt so with her,  
dealt worse with God : offending him double by bre-  
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king his Lawes and hers. But in her owne household and person she obserued all these rules: and though many abroad by corruption were winkt at; yet sometime there were some taken and paid home.

But her excellling Selfe, though her Table were the abundantliest furnisht of any Princes in the world with all varietie: yet fed she ofteneft of one dish; and that not of the daintiest. For quaffing as it was vnfitting her Sex, so she extreemely abhord it: hating superfluitie as hell: and so farre was she from all nicenes, that I haue heard it credibly reported, and know it by many instances to be true, that she neuer could abide to gaze in a mirror or looking glasse: no not to behold one, while her head was tyred and adorned, but simply trusted to her attendant Ladies for the comelineffe of her attyre: and that this is true, *Ther* I am the rather perswaded, for that when I was yong, almost thirtie yeeres agoe, courting it now and than: I haue seene the Ladies make great shift to hide away their looking glasses if her Maiestie had past by their lodgings.

O humble Lady, how meeke a spirit hadst thou: how farre from affecting beautie, or vaine pride: when thou desiredst not to see that face, which all thy subiects longed dayly to behold, and sundry Princes came from farre to wonder at.

As in all these things she kept truely the Meane, so likewise in her gifts: as I first noted touching her Charitie, which was still so tempered notwithstanding her great charge in aiding her distressed neighbours: that she was euer truely liberall, and no way

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prodigall : as I trust his Royall Maiestie shall by the treasure finde.

As she was adorn'd with all these vertues; so was she indued with Fortitude and princely courage, so plentifully, that her displeasure shooke euen her stoutest aduerfaries : and those vnnaturall traytors, that came armd fundry times with bloodie resolution to lay violent handes on her sacred Maiestie, her verie lookes would daunt, and their instruments prepared for her death, dropt from their trembling hands with terror of their consciences, and amazement to behold her countenance; nay, when she knew they came of purpose to kill her, she hath singled diuers of them alone, and let some passe from her with milde caueats a farre off : whose lenitie, rather increasing than diminishing their malice, they haue followed destruction which too timely ouer tooke them.

I could in this place name many particular men, as *Parry*, and others : but I will content yee with one priuate example ouerpassing the generall; fortitude she showd in her youth, in her captiuitie, in her glory, at all times : for defence of her faith, and all oppressed true professors thereof : ending with this example of her high courage and assured confidence in God. When *Appletree* whom I remembred before, had hurt her waterman, being next to her in the Barge; the French Ambassador being amazzd, and all crying Treason, Treason : yet she with an vndaunted spirit, came to the open place of the Barge, and bad them neuer feare, for if the shot were made at her, they durst not shoote againe : such maiestie had her

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her presence and such boldnesse her heart, that she despised all feare; and was as all Princes are, or should be; so full of diuine fulnesse; that guiltie mortalitie durst not beholde her but with dazeled eyes.

But I wonder saith *Thenot*, shee in so many yeares built no goodly Edifice wherein her memorie might liue.

So did she answered *Collin*, the goodliest building in the earth, such as like fleeting Iles commanded the seas, whose outward walles are dreadfull Engins of brasse, sending fearefull thunder among enemies. And the inhabitants of those wooden Iles, are worthy Sea-men, such as dread no daunger, but for her would haue run euen into destructions mouth. I tell thee *Thenot*, I haue seene in a fight some like nimble spirites hanging in the aire by little cordes, some lading ordinance with deathful powder, some charging Muskets, and discharging ruine on their enemies; some at the foreship, others busie at helme, skipping here and there like Roes in lightnesse, and Lyons in courage; that it would haue powred spirit into a sicke man to see their resolutions. For such tenants made she many buildings, exceeding any Emperors Nauy in the earth, whose seruice I doubt not will be acceptable to her most worthy Successor, our dread Soueraigne Lord and King.

Other Pallaces shee had great store of, which shee maintained and yearely repaired, at least would haue done, if those that hadde care of her surueying, would haue bene as carefull for hers as for their owne.

What should I say of her: the cloudie mantle of the  
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night couers the beautie of the heauen : and this eue-  
ning lookes like those foure dayes that preceded the  
morning of her death. The beastes the night that shee  
ended her fate in earth, kept an vnwonted bellowing,  
so that I assure thee *Thenot*, being assured of her sicknes,  
I was troubled (being awakened with their cries) with  
imagination of her death, that I pittied not my blea-  
ting flocke, who with their innocent notes kept time  
with my true teares, till the houre of her death was past,  
when immediately a heauie sleepe shut vp the win-  
dowes of mine eyes : at which time, (as I haue since  
heard, deathes eternall sleepe viterly benumbed all  
her senses, whose soule (I doubt not) hath alreadie en-  
tered endlesse rest, whether God will draw her glorified  
body in his great day. Sweete Virgin, shee was borne  
on the Eue of that blessed Virgins Natiuitie, holy  
*Mary* Christs mother: shee dyed on the Eue of the A-  
nunciation of the same most holy Virgin; a blessed  
note of her endlesse blessednesse, and her societie in  
heauen with those wise Virgins, that kept Oyle euer  
in their Lampes, to awaite the Bridegroom. Shee  
came vnto the Crowne after her royall sisters death,  
like a fresh Spring euen in the beginning of Winter,  
and brought vs comfort, as the cleare Sunne doth to  
storme-dressed Marriners; shee left the Crowne like-  
wise in the winter of her Age, and the beginning of  
our Spring: as if the Ruler of heauen had ordained her  
coronation in our sharpest Winter to bring vs happi-  
nesse, & vncrowned her in our happiest Spring, to leaue  
vs in more felicitie by her Succeder. O happie begin-  
ning, and more happy ende: which notwithstanding,

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as naturall sonnes and subiects, let her not goe vnwept for to her graue. This euening let vs be like the Evening, that drops dewy teares on the earth: and while our hyndes shut vp the sheepe in their foldes, sing a Funerall song for the losse of diuine *Elizabeth*; inuocating absent Schollers to bewaile her, whome in sundrie Schooles shee cherisht; and personally in either of their Vniuersities visited: let vs bid souldiers lament her, toward whom besides many apparant signes of her exceeding loue, this is one most worth memorie; shee came amongst them mounted at *Tilburie*, beeing gathered into a royall Armie against the Spanish Inuasion; promising to share with them in all fortunes, if the enemy durst but shewe his face a land. Let Citizens likewise shed teares for her losse, especially those of *London*, to whom she was euer a kinde Soueraigne, and bountifull neighbour.

I neede not bid the Courtiers weepe, for they can neuer forget the countenance of their gracious Mistresse, till they haue ingrauen in their hearts the fauour of their most royall Maister. For as poore Shepherds; though we are not able to sute our selues in blackes fine inough to adorne so Royall an Enterment, yet *Thenot* quicken thy inuention, *Dryope* and *Chloris* shall beare parte; and let vs conclude our sorrowe for *Eliza* in a Funerall Hymne; that shall haue power to drawe from the swelling Cloudes waters to assist our woe. The Springes, taught by the teares that breake from our eyes, already ouerflowe their boundes: The Birdes sitte mute to heare our musicke,



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musicke, and our harmelesse flocke harken to our mones.

To this they all as gladly as their griefe would suffer them consented. *Collin* for his broken pipe tooke *Cuddyes*, who could neither sing nor play, he was so full of passion and sighes.

*The Funerall Song betweene Collin and Thenot,  
Dryope and Chloris, vpon the death of the sa-  
cred Virgin Elizabeth.*

Collin.

**Y**E sacred Muses dwelling,  
Where Art is euer swelling;  
Your learned Fount for sake,  
Helpe Funerall Songs to make  
Hang them about her Herse  
That euer loued Verse.  
Clio writ downe her Storie,  
That was the Muses Glorie.

Driope.

And ye soft-footed Howers.  
Make readie Cypresse Bowers:  
In stead of Roses sweete  
(For pleasant Spring-time meete)  
Strew all the pathes with Teugh,  
Night shade and bitter Reugh.  
Bid Flora hide her Treasure:  
Jay is no time of pleasure.

Thenot.

## Mourning Garment.

Thenot.

*And you diuineſt Graces,  
Vyle all your ſacred faces  
With your bright ſhining haire,  
Shew euery ſigne of care:  
The Hart that was your Plaine,  
The cruell Fates haue ſlaine:  
From duſh no power can raiſe her,  
Onely our Hymnes may praiſe her.*

Chloris.

*Muſes and Howres and Graces,  
Let all the hallowed places  
Which the cleere Moone did view,  
Looke with a ſable hiew:  
Let not the Sunne be ſcene,  
But weeping for the Queene.  
That Grace and Muſe did cheriſh,  
O, that ſuch worth ſhould periſh!*

Collin.

*So turne our verſe, and on this lofty Pine,  
Each one ingraue for her ſome Funerall line:  
Thus I beginne.*

Collins Epitaph.

*Eliza Maiden Mirror of this Age,  
Earths true Aſtrea while ſhe liu'd and reign'd,  
Is throwne by Death from her triumphant Stage,  
But by that fall bath endleſſe glorie gain'd:  
And fooliſh death would ſayne if he could weepe,  
For killing Her he had no power to keepe.*

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Thenots





**The order and proceeding at the Funerall of the Right High and Mightie Princeſſe Elizabeth Queene of England, France, and Ireland: from the Pallace of Weſtminſter called White-hall: To the Cathedrall Church of Weſtminſter: the 28. of April. 1603.**

**F**irſt, the Knight Marſhalls man, to make way.

Next, the 240. poore women by foure and foure

Then, ſervants of Gentlemen, Eſquiers, and Knights.

Two Porters.

Next, foure Trumpetors.

After them

*Rofe, Purſiuant at Armes.*

Two Sergeants at Armes.

*The Standard of the Dragon.*

Two Querries leading a horſe.

Then the meſſengers of the Chamber, foure and foure.

Children of the Almondry.

Children of the Woodyard,

Children of the Skullery.

Children and turners of the paſtry.

The Skalding houſe.

The Larder.

After them

*Groomes.*

Wheate-porters.

Coopers.

Wine-porters.

Conducts in the Bakehouſe.

Bel-ringer

Maker of Spice-bags.

Cart takers, choſen by the bord.

Long Cartes.

Cart takers.

Of the Almery.

Of the Stable.

Of the Woodyard.

Skullery.

Paſtrie.

Skalding houſe.

Poultrie.

Caterie.

Boyling houſe.

Larder.

Kitchin.

Laundrie.

Ewry.

Confectionary.

Waſery.

Chaundry.

Pitcherhouſe.

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# The Funerall.

Buttrie.  
Seller.  
Pantrie.  
Bakehoule.  
Countinghouse.

Then Noblemen and Embassadors  
servants.  
Groomes of the Chamber.

Four Trumpeeters.

*Blowmantle.*

A Sergeant at Armes.

*The Standard of the Greyhound.*

Two Quirries leading a horse.  
Yeomen of the Seruitors in the  
hall, foure and foure.

Cart takers.  
Porters.  
Almondrie.  
Herbengers.  
Woodyard.  
Skullery.  
Pastrie.  
Poultrie and skalding house.  
Purueyours of the Poultrie.  
Purueyours of the Acaurie.  
Stable.  
Boyling house.  
Larder.  
Kitchin.  
Ewrie.  
Confectionarie.  
Waterie.  
Purueyor of the wax.  
Tallow Chandler.  
Chaundrie.

Pitcher house.  
Brewers.  
Buttrie.  
Purueyours.  
Seller.  
Pantrie.  
Gaener.  
Bakehouse.  
Counting house.  
Spicery.  
Chamber.  
Robes.  
Wardrop.

Erles and Countesses seruants.

Four Trumpeeters.

*Portcullis.*

A Sergeant at Armes.

*The Standard of the Lion.*

Two Quirries leading a horse  
trapped with vel-  
get.

Sergeant of the vestry.  
Children of the Chappell in surplesses  
Gent. of the Chappell, in Copes.

*Clarks.*

Deputie Clarke of the Market.  
Clarks extraordinarie.  
Coferer.  
Dier.  
M. Cooke for the household.  
Pastrie.  
Larder.  
Skullerie.

Wood-



# The Funerall.

Woodyard.  
Poultry.  
Bakehouse.  
Acadie.  
Stable.

## Sergeants.

Gent. Herberger.  
Wood-yard.  
Skullery.  
Pastrie.  
Caterie.  
Linder.  
Ewry.  
Stiller.  
Pantrie.  
Bakehouse.

Master Cooke of the Kitchin.

Clarkes of the Querrie.

Second and third clark of the  
Chaudrie.

Second & third clark of the Kitchin.

Superiours of the Dresser.

Surveyer of the dresser, for the  
chamber.

Mutitions.

Apotiearies and Chirurgions.

Sewers of the hall.

Marshall of the hall.

Sewers of the chamber.

Groome Porter.

Gentlemen ythers and waiters.

Clarke, Marshall, and Auenor.

Chiefe clark of the wardrop.

Chiefe clark of the Kitchin.

Two clarkes controullers.

Clarke of the Greenvcloth.

Master of the household.

Coffiner.

## Rouge Dragon.

A Sergeant at Armes.

The Banner of Chester.

Clarkes of the Counsell, foure & foure.

Clarkes of the priue Seale.

Clarkes of the Signet.

Clarkes of the Parliament.

Doctors of Physicke.

The Queenes Chaplaines.

Secretaries for the Latine and French  
tongue.

## Rouge Crosse.

Two Sergeants of Armes.

The Banner of Cornewell.

Aldermen of London.

Solliciter, Atturney, and Sergeant.

Maistr of Records, & Maistr of the Tents.

Knights Bachetors.

Lord chiefe Baron, and Lord chiefe

Iustice of the Common pleas.

Maistr of the Ixwell house.

Knights Embassadors, & Gentlemen

Agents.

Sewers for the Queene.

Sewers for the Body.

Esquires of the Body.

## Lancaster and Windsor.

The Banner of Wales.

The Banner of Ireland.

## The Funerall.

Master of the Requests.  
 Agents for *France*, and the Estates.  
 Lord Mayor of *London*.  
*Sir John Popham.* *Sir John Fortescue.*  
*Sir Robert Cecil* principall Secretary.  
 Controller & Treasurer of houthold.  
 Barons.  
 Bishoppes.  
 Erles eldest Sonnes.  
 Viscounts.  
 Dukes second Sonnes.  
 Erles.  
 Marqueses.  
 Bishop Almoner. *Preacher.*  
 Lord Keeper.  
 The French Embassador.  
 Archbishop of *Canterburie*.

• Fourc Sergeants of Armes.

*The great embrotherd Banner of England.*

*Somerset and Richmond.*  
*Yorke, Helme and Crest.*  
*Chester, Target.*  
*Norrey King at Armes, Sword.*  
*Clarenceaux King at Armes, Coate.*

After them the Gentlemen vthers  
with white Rods.

The liuely picture of her Highnesse  
whole body, crowned in her Par-  
liament Robes, lying on the corps

balmed and leaded, covered with  
veluet, borne in a chariot, drawne  
by foure hoises trap in blacke vel-  
uet.

About it fixe Banner Rolls on each  
side: Gentlemen petitioners with  
their Axes downeward.

With them the Footemen.

A Canopy borne ouer the chariot by  
some Noble men.

The Erle of *Worcester* maister of the  
horse, leading the Palmie of Honour,

Two Esquiers and a groomie, to  
attend and leade him away.

Gentlemen vther, *Garret K. of Armes.*

Lady Marchionesse of *Northampton*,  
assisted by the Lord Treasurer and  
Lord Admirall.

Chiefe mourner, her traine suppor-  
ted by maister Vicechamberlaunc:

Two Erles assistants to her.

Fourteene Countesses assistants.

Gentlewomen of the Priuy chamber.

Countesses.

Viscountesses.

Erles daughters.

Baronesses.

Maides of Honour, of the Priuy  
chamber.

Captaine of the Guard, with all  
the Guard following, five and five in  
a ranke, their holberds downeward.

### To the Reader.

**I** Loue as little as any man to come in print: but seeing affection hath  
made me commit this fault, I pray you pardon it; and amend in reading  
the Printers errors; where being ill acquainted with Poetrie, he hath pas-  
sed Herores for Heroes; what euer else seemes harth, imagine I can write  
English, and make not the fault mine.

Farewell.

Men: *Christie.*

*The Shepheards Spring Song, in gratulation of the royall, happy, and flourishing Entrance, to the Maiestie of England, by the most potent and prudent Soueraigne, James king of England, France and Ireland.*

*Colin.* **T**Henot and Chloris, red lipst *Driope*,  
Shepheards, Nymphs Swaines, al that delight in field,  
Lining by harmelesse thrust your fat heards yeelde,  
Why slacke yee now your loued company?

Vp sluggards, learne, the lark doth mounted sing,  
His cheerefull Carrolls; to salute our King.  
The Manis, blacke, bird, and the little Wren,  
The Nightingale vpon the hawthorne brire,  
And all the wingd Musicians in a Quire,  
Do with their notes rebuke dull lazie men.

Vp sheperds, vp; your sloth breeds al your shames  
You sleep like beasts, while birds salute K. *James*.

The gray eyde mornning with a blustering cheeke,  
Like *Englands* royall Rose mixt red and white,  
Summons all eyes to pleasure and delight,  
Behold the euenings draws doe vpward reeke,  
Drawn by the Sun, which now doth gild the skie,  
With his light, giuing and world-cheering eie.

O thats well done; I see your cause of stay,  
Was to adorne your temples with fresh flowers;  
And gather beaunie to bedecke your bowers,  
That they may seeme the Cabinets of Maie:  
Honor this time, sweetest of all sweete Springs.

That so much good, so many pleasures brings.  
For now alone the luery of the earth  
Giues not life, comfort to your bleating Lambes,  
Nor fills the strowng vdders of their dams,  
It yeeldes another cause of gleeesome mirth,  
This ground weares all her best embrodery,  
To enterraine her Soueraignes maiestie.

And

## *The Shepheards.*

And well she may, for neuer English ground  
Bore such a Soueraigne as this royall Lord:  
Looke vpon all Antiquities Record;  
In no Inrollment such a King is found.

Beginne with ~~Brutus~~ (if that of *Brute* be true.)

As I le not doubt, but gine old Bards their due.  
He was a Prince vnsettled, fought a Shore  
To rest his long-tost Troy in scattred Race:  
And (astised) found here a resting place:  
Grief this: but yeeld, he did false god adore.

The Nations were not cild to Christ that time,  
Blacke Pag in clouds darksed this goodly Clime.  
So, when dissention brought the Roman in,  
No *Cesar* till the god & *Constantine*,  
(Desended truly from the British line)  
Purge this Illes aire from Idoll-hated sinne;  
Yet he in care of *Rome* left Deputies.

Our *Janes* maintaines (himselfe) his dignities.  
The Saxon, & the Dane, scourgd with sharp Steele,  
(So did the Norman Duke) this beauteous Land,  
Inuading Lords raigne with an yron hand:  
A gentler ruling in this Change we seele,

O our Lion comes as meekely as a Doue,  
Nor conq'ring vs by hurt, but harty loue.  
Euen as a calme to tempest tossed men,  
As bread to the faint soule with famine vex;  
As a coole Spring to those with heate perplex,  
As the Sunnes light into a fearefull denne,

So comes our King: euen in a time of neede,  
To saue, to shine, to comforte and to feede.  
O Shepheards, sing his welcome with sweete notes,  
Nymphs, strew his way with Roses Red and White,  
Provide all pastures that may sense delight,  
Offer the fleeces of your flockes white cotes:

## Spring-Song.

He that now spares, doth in that saving, spill;  
Where Worth is little, Vertue likes good will.  
Now from the Orchades to the Cornish Iles,  
From thence to *Cambria*, and the Hyberian shore,  
The sound of Ciuill warre is heard no more;  
Each Countenance is garnished with smiles,  
All in one hymne with sweet contentment sing,  
The praise and power of *James* their onely King.  
Our onely King, one Ile, one Soueraignes  
O long-desired, and perfected good!  
By him the heate of wrath, and boyling blood,  
Is mildely quenched; and Enuie counted vaine,  
One King, one people, blessed vnitie,  
That ties such mightie Nations to agree.  
Shepheardes, Ile not be tedious in my Song;  
For that I see you bent to actiue sport;  
Though I perswade me all time is too short,  
To welcome him, whomewe haue wisht for long.  
Well done, dance on; looke how our little lambs,  
Skippe as you spring, about their fleecie dams.  
Thus were yee wont to trape about the Greene;  
And dance in ringlets, like to Faine Elues,  
Striuing in cunning to exceede your selues,  
In honour of your late false summer Queene:  
But now exceede; this Maie excelles all Springs,  
Which King & Queene, and Prince & Princesse brings.  
Shewt ioyfully, ye Nymphs, and rurall Swaines,  
Your maister *Pan* will now protect your foldes,  
Your Cottages will be as safe as Holdes,  
Feare neither Wolues nor subtil Foxes traines,  
A Royall King will of your weale take keepe,  
Hee'l be your Shepheard, you shalbe his sheepe.  
He comes in pompes; so should a King appeare,  
Gods Deputie should set the world at gaze;



## *The Shepheards Spring-Song.*

Yet his milde lookes driue vs from all amaze,  
Clap hands for ioy, our Soueraigne draweth neere,  
Sing *do. do.* shepheards dance and sing,  
Expresse all ioy, in welcoming our King.  
The aire, the season, and the Earth accord  
In Pleasure, Order, both for sight and sense:  
All things looke fresh to greet his Excellence,  
And *Collin* humbly thus salutes his Lord:  
Dread and beloude, hie *Englands* happy King,  
While seasons last fresh as the liuely spring.

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